

MINUTES

TITLE: Full Council
DATE: Wednesday 19 May 2010
TIME: 1.30 pm
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs R G Currie, J L Inglis, G A Glover, B W Ensor, S J Borlase, E J Wilkins, N Riley, T B King, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, M J Higgins, T E Norriss, S G Bryant

IN ATTENDANCE: Strategic Development Manager (S Edwards), Environment and Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

150	Ben and Miranda Van Dyke
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Ms Camilla Owen and Ms Shoshona Goodall, were in attendance with Mr & Mrs Van Dyke to present the submission.

Ms Owen said there is a serious coastal erosion problem threatening properties at Jacketts Island, Motueka, including the property of Mr & Mrs Van Dyke. Council had constructed a groyne at Port Motueka in 1995-1996 which, in her view, had never achieved the purpose for which it was constructed, but it has had massive impact. The Van Dyke property has lost 20 – 30 metres to erosion since 2000.

Cr Norriss arrived at 1.50 pm.

Ms Owen requested that the groyne be removed and a hole cut in the spit by dredging the channel. She tabled a Review of Port Motueka Sand-Deflection Groyne and Potential Impacts on Jacketts Island and the Motueka Spit undertaken by ASR Ltd, Marine Consulting and Research. This had been commissioned and paid for by Mr & Mrs Van Dyke.

153	Nelson Grey Power Association Ltd
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Mr E Millar was in attendance and noted that Grey Power is disappointed at the proposed rates increase.

Cr S G Bryant arrived at 1.56 pm.

Cr M J Higgins arrived at 1.57 pm.

Mr Millar said continually increasing rates is committing people to money they don't have. 60% of superannuitants are living on the pension alone in New Zealand. Mr Millar said Council's emphasis should be on core and essential services.

240	Tasman Regional Sports Trust
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Nigel Muir and Rita Merriman were in attendance to present the submission. Mr Muir advised that the South Island Masters Games will be held in Nelson during October 2011 and October 2013. They sought \$50,000 for the 2011 Master Games, in dollars and in-kind.

154	Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust
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Dr David Butler, Chair of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust was in attendance. He thanked Council for ongoing support and provision of \$293,390 in the annual plan. Dr Butler tabled a Business Plan. The development phase should be completed in two years and he believes they will be self-sustaining after that time. Revised estimates have been obtained recently for the fence at \$4 million which is only a small increase on previous estimates.

161	Mapua and Districts Community Association
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Mr Hugh Gordon was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Association. The Association supports Council's efforts to upgrade reticulated water scheme. It asked Council to encourage people to have water tanks to catch rainfall. Expenditure of funds on parks and reserves in Mapua and Coastal Tasman area are likely to be well-utilised by residents. The Association is disappointed that the much-anticipated Mapua Structure Plan has again been delayed. Mapua Wharf has seen a dramatic increase in visitor numbers this year and there is a dangerous mix of people and vehicles in the area. Provision needs to be made for additional parking. He asked Council to buy the land from NZTA to extend Higgs Reserve.

163	Nelson Tasman Connections
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Nicola Robb and Trevor Ollie were in attendance. They requested the current level of funding be maintained for 2010/2011. Nelson Tasman Connections provides support to young people and youth service providers to ensure that the youth of Nelson and Tasman make a successful transition from school.

166	Tourism Nelson Tasman
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Mr P Davis and Mr P Taylor were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Tourism Nelson Tasman. Mr Davis said the money given to Tourism Nelson Tasman from Council is an investment, not a subsidy. 52% expenditure of tourism falls in Tasman District and 48% is spent in Nelson City, regardless of where the accommodation is.

Mr Taylor said regional seminars are held throughout the district twice annually which Tourism Nelson believes is more beneficial than the industry advisory group which had been set up to obtain industry views on the structure of the tourism rate. People are being offered the opportunity to come and talk and a newsletter is sent regularly to people who are paying the tourism rate. He said if people don't come to the meeting or make contact there's not much more Tourism Nelson Tasman can do.

Mr Davis doesn't believe that people who rent a home occasionally should be charged the tourism rate.

167	Nelson Cycle Trails Trust
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Mr Chris Allison and John Westbrook were in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of the Trust. They are grateful that Council will be flexible in its funding schedule. The immediate need is for additional funding to go through the period when the trail is being constructed and there will not be any revenue streams. This organisation will not be an ongoing drain on either Tasman District Council or Nelson City Council but will be generating revenue and putting it back into promotion and further development. Direction from central government is that there is pressure to keep direct payment by users to a minimum so commercial operators on the trail and advertisers will be revenue sources.

169	Nelson A&P Association
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Liz Harvey and Judene Edgar were in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of the Nelson A&P Association with a proposal to upgrade Birch Hall to provide a cinema and café. A cinema will have appeal for youth, older people and also parents with young children.

Cr Edgar left the meeting at 3.33 pm.

172	REJ Wylie
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Mr Wylie spoke about pricing of restricted low flow water supply to rural properties and issues relating to current supply of water to a restricted low flow customer. He asked Council to act more prudently in spending ratepayers' money.

Cr Bryant left the meeting at 3.45 pm.

Cr Riley left the meeting at 3.46 pm.

173	The Nelson ARK
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Karen Howieson, Gemma and Mack the dog, were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of The Nelson ARK. The ARK programmes are working with young people and dogs. Gemma spoke about her experience of having been through the course. She is now working as an assistant with other students on the course and is wanting to begin training to be a vet nurse next year. The ARK requested support to continue to deliver APART programme (\$10,250) or a student per course \$1,958 x 4 courses per year \$7,832.

Mayor Kempthorne, Crs J L Inglis, N Riley and Susan Edwards left the meeting at 3.56 pm.

Mr Bush-King arrived at the meeting at 3.56 pm.

Cr King assumed the Chair.

141	C Garnett
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Cr Edgar returned to the meeting.

Mr Garnett was in attendance and spoke about the Redwood Valley Rural water supply and its financial position. He was concerned that there was no meeting of the committee between 2004 and 2009. He said the general ratepayers of the district are continuing to pay for capital costs that ought to be borne by developers through development contributions.

188	D & J Field
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Mr Field was in attendance and said he is concerned about Council spending and rates increases. He supports the tourism targeted rate to pay for tourism advertising. He believes there is inequity in rating because of revaluations. He asked for examples to be given of how rates change on specific properties from year to year.

194	Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc
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Cr Bryant returned to the meeting.

Ms Gwen Struik was in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc. The Friends sought support for holistic and unconfined planning for protection of the Waimea Inlet and all of its associated islands, and tributaries as well as adjacent land. No further funding or other consideration should be given to any proposals such as the rowing/recreation event centre proposal on Rabbit Island, until this planning strategy has been completed. The Friends main issue is the Council's lack of integrity and performance in relation to completion of certain sections of the TRMP as required by section 6(b) RMA as a Matter of National Importance, in identifying areas having outstanding natural features and landscapes (Chapters 9 and 18.3 of the TRMP) in the Tasman District.

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting.

Ms Struik said they have had the reasons for the delay explained to them. They don't believe Council has acted in good faith and needs to demonstrate some honesty in the matter. Ms Struik said the Liz Kidson report contained great detail of the natural landscaping features.

Ms Helen Campbell said Council should be employing landscape architects to do the job, it is not for a voluntary organisation. She said Council has a statutory obligation to produce the landscape areas.

Mayor Kempthorne resumed the Chair.

Cr King left the meeting at 4.53 pm.

200	Nelson/Tasman Forest and Bird
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Ms Helen Campbell was in attendance to present the submission. She encouraged Council to look at getting a better public transport system. She noted with the Abel

Tasman/Wainui Bay realignment that it is an area of considerable beauty which should be protected in the TRMP as a significant natural feature which also has high landscape values.

208	B M & M J Biggs
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Cr Glover left the meeting.

Mr Biggs believes the discount for early payment of rates being reduced from 4% to 3% is an insult. He said Nelson Tasman Tourism should be run as a business that stands on its own feet. He doesn't believe the increase to fees and charges is warranted.

Cr Borlase left the meeting at 5.10 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5.30pm. Dennis Bush-King left the meeting.

Meeting resumed at 6.10pm and Cr Glover and Susan Edwards returned to the meeting.

211	Nelson Golf Club Inc
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Mr P Hay was in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of the Nelson Golf Club. He requested Council make provision in the 2010/2011 budget for its half share of NRSBU's extra cost (\$285,700) to lay 2.6 km of return pipe in the same trench as the new sewer pipe will go through to retain the options for treated wastewater in the future. If the pipe isn't laid at the same time it will cost considerably more in the future.

225	Nelson Biodiversity Forum
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Mr S Wynne-Jones was in attendance to speak to the submission. The Forum sought that specific budgetary provision be made in the plan for a formal commitment to the wellbeing of the Waimea Estuary. The main involvement would be staff time. He also spoke about the wider Tasman Bay project.

151	Richmond Unlimited
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Mr A McGlashen and Mr T Bolitho were in attendance to speak to the submission of Richmond Unlimited. Richmond Unlimited would like to be involved in the Queen Street upgrade. Mr McGlashen asked that the tourism rate be kept to an affordable level. He asked for increased signage directing people to the business centre of Richmond from the state highway. Richmond Unlimited would like to see striking gateway features and would like to be involved with the design process. They would like Council to put up security cameras in strategic areas in the business area to try and deter vandalism. He congratulated Council on Sun Dial Square which he sees as a fantastic area. Richmond Unlimited considers car parking is sufficient for now for Queen Street businesses and free parking is used as a unique marketing tool. Richmond Unlimited would not like to see parking meters in Richmond.

Cr Bryant left the meeting at 6.40 pm.

241	Nelson Trout Fishing Club
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Mr M Ducray was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Club and sought permission to stock the Wai-iti Dam with Brown/Rainbow Trout and that access be given to the general public to fish the Wai-iti Dam. Mr Ducray was advised to contact Joseph Thomas at Tasman District Council to get in touch with the Wai-iti Water Augmentation Committee.

244	G Thompson
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Mr G Thompson was in attendance and said he doesn't agree with the tourism rate being imposed on holiday homes and baches. He doesn't believe they benefit from advertising through Tourism Nelson Tasman. He supports the work on the Rabbit Island water sports venue.

111	A Aubrey
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Mr A Aubrey said the annual plan should provide sufficient detail to enable ratepayers to judge the merit of various rates and their effect on them. It should say that the \$20 increase in UAGC is in fact an 8.3% increase. He said if government said no more UAGC then there would be a large increase in the general rate. He asked Council not to increase UAGC and to plan to reduce fixed charges over future years.

177	Safe at the Top
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Mr T Leyland and Mrs B Graves were in attendance to speak to the submission. They requested Council to commit \$5,000 and staff resources of four hours per week to support the continued operation of Safe at the Top project. They need the support and commitment of both Councils for the accreditation of Safer Community Council which is their top priority.

91	Public Health Service
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Mr L Milligan and Ms D Smith were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Public Health Service. They encouraged Council to look at:

- a) improved public transport options and look for opportunities to promote a modal shift to active transport
- b) be proactive in considering breastfeeding requirements being built in to the early design, planning and development stages of proposed commercial and recreational developments
- c) Topics of concern they see as important issues and therefore need to remain on the agenda, are as follows:
 - a. Building consent applications taking into consideration the Smoke-Free Legislation
 - b. Taking a lead role or working with other agencies to ensure adequate stock of affordable and appropriate housing for the elderly and those with disabilities
- d) Reviewing advertising that is counterproductive to the health and wellbeing outcomes the Council is attempting to achieve through its investment; namely alcohol and fast food advertising in its parks and facilities

- e) Recommend TDC places limitations on alcohol promotions and marketing by introducing:
 - a. No alcohol promotion permitted on billboards
 - b. No alcohol promotion permitted through sponsorship of cultural or sporting district events
 - c. Limited advertising is permitted in printed media however there must be limited to messages that provide information directly related to the product rather than selling values or a lifestyle
 - d. Marketing of alcohol at youth is explicitly prohibited.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Higgins
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**THAT Tasman District Council receives all verbal, written and late submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2010/2011.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 7.27 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: